



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 23rd November 2025

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine's Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE

Christ the King



Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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Thought For the Week

King of glory, King of peace... The hymn reminds us of who our Saviour is. He who when hanging on the cross embraces the broken soul of the robber. "Remember me when you come into your kingdom". As soon as the words were on the man's lips, he was already forgiven and embraced by God's perpetual love. Before he even committed his very first petty theft, God had already forgiven him. He didn't know and he probably didn't care about anything else but his criminal career over the years of his life. But God did. From the very beginning. And God never let go.

On the cross the man faced himself and seeing the glory of the God that had loved him from his very first breath. Right there, next to him, in the most simple and vulnerable way. God was human. God was there. Our God who is life and love. And the man said yes. As can we when we stand by the foot of the cross, looking up while waiting for our Saviours birth. He, who was there in the beginning and he, who will be there to the end.

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Evening Eucharists in Advent

Every Tuesday evening during Advent there will be a simple, contemplative evening Eucharist in our Lady chapel. An opportunity to pause in the middle of the season's business.

Time: 7pm Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December

Advent Course

During Advent you are invited to join our Advent course, to prepare for the season of Christmas and the birth of our Lord. This year we will journey together with the women in the Nativity. It is an opportunity to focus on our relationship with God and each other, drawing from Biblical women's wisdom and experiences. Welcome to join us!

Time: 7.30-8.15pm Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December

Adopt a Paschal Candle

Would you be willing to care for, and use, an outdated Paschal candle?

We have a collection of Paschal candles which we cannot use and they would be much happier being lit and used than collecting dust in a cupboard.

It is a beautiful reminder of God's presence among us.

If you are willing to adopt and at the same time, if you are able, make a voluntary donation towards a new candle, please let us know.

Bishop Perrin School - Reception Class Intake 2026

Will your child be starting school in September 2026? Are you considering Bishop Perrin School for your child?

We invite prospective parents and carers to book a school tour and meet with the Headteacher / Deputy Headteacher to find out more about our school.

Tours are available on a Thursday morning until January 2026. Spaces are limited, so please call our school office on 020 8894 1447 to book a place.

We look forward to meeting you.

Rachael Macklearn, Headteacher

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Fr Julian Reindorp Thanksgiving Service – 29th November

Fr Julian's Thanksgiving service will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church Richmond TW9 1SN, on Saturday 29th November at 3pm.

Strollers Walk – Saturday 29th November

Weather permitting strollers will do a walk in Richmond Park, finishing in Richmond itself at about 230pm.

This is so that any of the group can attend the memorial service of Fr Julian Reindorp who sadly passed away recently. He conducted many services at St Augustine's over recent years and was well known and loved.

We shall take the 950 train to Richmond so let's meet at 940 at the station. Please bring a picnic lunch.

Hope to see you

WINTER FAIR – SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 12 – 3pm

Thank you to all those who have signed up to organise and help on a stall. However, the stall holders will need stuff to organise and sell.

THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN !!

If everyone can bring in one thing for every stall think how much there would be.

For instance; A bottle, A bar of chocolate, A cake, A Christmas Decoration, A piece of jewellery, A toy, A Christmas candle, or indeed anything Christmassy !!

WHAT A FAIR WE WOULD HAVE !

Of course, we must advertise, so pick up some leaflets to give to all your friends and neighbours. Let them know what's happening, especially as Father Christmas will be there at some time in the afternoon. Plus, the children from Bishop Perrin will be singing some songs to get us into the spirit of Christmas. Please, everyone works so hard, let's make the afternoon memorable, and a lively, friendly and welcoming start to the Christmas season helping as much as you can. If you have any questions you would like answered just ask Sue or Roubina. Thank you in advance

Churches Together in Whitton Christmas Day Lunch 2025

This year CTiW will be holding its annual Christmas Day Lunch at Ss. Philip & James Parish Hall. As well as a traditional Christmas meal, the lunch aims to provide those otherwise on their own the opportunity to meet others and enjoy one another's company; the event is open to both individuals and couples.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us on Christmas Day or you require further information, please either contact CTiWChristmas@gmail.com , or speak to Rev. Helen or Roubina de Winton.

November Retiring Collection is for NSPCC - Sponsored by Marie Clarke

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC, is the UK's leading children's charity. They have been working to stop child abuse and neglect for over 140 years, and they are the only UK children's charity with statutory powers, which means they can take action to safeguard children at risk of abuse.

Every pound donated helps to protect children and prevent abuse. NSPCC visit schools and teach children that abuse is never their fault and they can always speak out and get help. They run a helpline and Childline that any adult or child can turn to for support, they campaign for change and demand laws and rules needed to protect children, they equip parents and carers with the knowledge, support and skills they need. They run therapeutic services to help children recover from abuse and get their lives back on track. £4 pays for trained volunteers to answer a child's call to the helpline. £3 pays for "Speak and Safe" programme to reach one primary school child.

Through research NSPCC constantly strives to find the best ways to protect children and prevent abuse.

St Augustine's Strollers Diary Dates for 2026

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. Strolling dates for the first half of 2026 are: January Weds14th & Sat 31st, February Weds11th & Sat 28th March Thurs12th & Sat 28th, April Weds15th & Sat 25th, May Weds13th & Sat 30th, June Thurs11th & Sat 27th



Our Prayers

When autumn turn to winter, we need reminding that new life will come, springing from frozen ground and brittle branches. As we prepare to approach the manger once more, we need this renewal, reminding us that the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places.

"Christ our King, turn our hearts this day. not only to the world around us but to the world within us. Let your Kingdom come anew, with each act of love we offer, each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw. Amen"

Those who are sick and struggling:

Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Heather Woodworth, Connie Chingwaru, Mandy, Ben & family.

Recently Departed:**This week we remember the anniversary of the death of****(23)** Fred Benge, Edmund Gibbs (01), George Lynham (14)**(24)** Beryl Dowler, Maureen Ledger (08)**(25)** George Swann, Claire Griffin.**(26)** Leon Walkden (06)**(27)** Johanna King (92)**(28)** Roger Derry (90), Leslie Cockerill (69,) Ivy Bezant (76), Kathleen Barnes (06), Reginald Hawkins (07), Robert Vernon (08)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 23 rd Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – Christ the King
Sun 23 rd Nov	10:00am	No Sunday School – Activity Sheet in Church
Sun 23 rd Nov	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 26 th Nov	7:00 to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies meet in church
Sat 29 th Nov	9:30 am	Walsingham Mass – St Augustine’s followed by breakfast at Squires
Sat 29 th Nov	9:30 am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sun 30 th Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday of Advent
Sun 30 th Nov	10:00am	Messy Church – In the Church Hall
Sun 30 th Nov	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 2 nd Dec	11:00am to 12:00pm	Quite Space – “Grief & Compassion – in the season of All Souls and Remembrance”
Tues 2 nd Dec	6:00 pm	Evening Eucharist in Advent
Tues 2 nd Dec	7.30 to 8.15pm	Advent Course - Women in the Nativity
Fri 5 th Dec	10:00am	Said Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship
Sat 6 th Dec	12:00 to 3:00pm	Christmas Fair
Sun 7 th Dec	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sun 7 th Dec	10:00am	Sunday School in the Church Hall
Sun 7 th Dec	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 9 th Dec	2:30 to 4:00pm	Cornerstone
Tues 9 th Dec	6:00 pm	Evening Eucharist in Advent
Tues 9 th Dec	7.30 to 8.15pm	Advent Course - Women in the Nativity